Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A mold for making a plastics material piece, comprising:

a first part having a first peripheral zone;

a second part configured for receiving a sheet, said second part comprising:

a central block being configured to form with the first part a cavity for making the piece;

a peripheral block having a second peripheral zone, said first and second peripheral zones, when in contact, defining a joint face of the mold, said peripheral block being suitable for sliding relative to said central block in a mold closure direction so as to move the second peripheral zone away from edges of the sheet, said peripheral block having ~~at least one holding rod~~holding rods.

2. (Currently Amended) A mold according to claim 1, wherein the peripheral block has at least one actuator that controls the ~~at least one holding rod~~holding rods.

3. (Previously Presented) A method of making a plastics material piece, using a mold comprising:

a first part having a first peripheral zone;

a second part configured for receiving a sheet, said second part comprising:

a central block being configured to form with the first part a cavity for making the piece;

a peripheral block having a second peripheral zone, said first and second peripheral zones, when in contact, defining a joint face of the mold, said peripheral block being suitable for sliding relative to said central block in a mold closure direction so as to move the second peripheral zone away from edges of the sheet;

wherein the method comprises:

placing a sheet having edges for incorporation or overmolding in the piece that is to be made in the second part of the mold;

moving the peripheral block so as to move the second peripheral zone away from the edges of the sheet;

closing the mold by bringing the first peripheral zone into contact with the second peripheral zone such that the sheet is not pinched in the joint face; and

moving the peripheral block to a molding position while keeping the first and second peripheral zones in contact.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the peripheral block is moved without displacing the sheet.

5. (Original) A method according to claim 4, wherein the peripheral block is moved without touching the sheet.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of making a plastics material piece, using a mold comprising:

a first part having a first peripheral zone;

a second part configured for receiving a sheet, said second part comprising:

a central block being configured to form with the first part a cavity for making the piece;

a peripheral block having a second peripheral zone, said first and second peripheral zones, when in contact, defining a joint face of the mold, said peripheral block being suitable for sliding relative to said central block in a mold closure direction so as to move the second peripheral zone away from edges of the sheet, said peripheral block having ~~at least one holding rod,~~holding rods,

said method comprising:

placing a reinforcing sheet having edges for incorporation or overmolding in the piece to be made in the second part;

moving the peripheral block to move the second peripheral zone away from the edges of the reinforcing sheet;

bringing the ~~at least one holding rod~~holding rods against the reinforcing sheet;

retracting the ~~at least one holding rod;~~holding rods;

closing the mold by bringing the first peripheral zone into contact with the second peripheral zone such that the sheet is not pinched in the joint face; and

moving the peripheral block to a molding position while keeping the first and second peripheral zones in contact.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 6, wherein the reinforcing sheet is preformed outside the mold.

8. (Original) A method according to claim 6, wherein the peripheral block is moved upwardly to move the peripheral zone away from the edges of the reinforcing sheet.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein a plastics material is deposited in the mold cavity before closing the mold.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein a plastics material is injected in the cavity after closing the mold.